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INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH. . Charge that Amazed the World Thirty

Years Ago.

It was thirty years ago, on the 25th of October, that the Earl of Cardigan's light brigade made the famous charge at Balaklava, near S bastopol. A gentleman who was on the staff of an Er glish General, and dow. who witnessed the charge, gives this description of it:

"On Oct. 25, 1854, our eyes turned to the heights of Balaklava, on the possession of which depended the very existence of the allied forces. On that day the Russians made a desperate attack on our lines, to be as desperately repulsed. Word was sent to headquarters that the enemy, under cover of a neary fire from the forts, had left Sebastopol in scree and was massing himself so as to threaten the safety of the heights. I was at once sent with an order for the cavalry and horse artillery to move and be ready to assume the offensive. They had not to wait long. The Turkish lines were

SWEPT AS BY A WHIRLWIND, and with our Mohammedan allies the word was sauve qui peut. The heavy cavalry on the right and the light brigade on the left were advanced, with the artillery in the certre playing a game at long bowls. Meanwhile a Russian battery was ostentatiously moved forward, whose well-served | Molasses voice. guns promised to be embarrassing.

strength of the foe, saw that this obstacle must be removed; but whether or not he also foresaw the necessity of first looking before the leap was taken must be forever a mystery. The commanders of the cavalry brigades, Lords Lucan and Cardigan, brothers-in-law, between whom no love was lost, were waiting the word to engage, Lord Lucan being the senior officer. To them sped Capt. Nolan, a dashing husear. Salnting the General, he said he bore an order -unwritten-from Lord Raglan that the battery must be silenced and the guns captured. Lord Lucan, a man so cautious as to have earned the nickname 'Lord Lookon,' fearing to expose his small force to any ambushed dangers, asked for more definite orders. With a slightly contemptuous turn of his handsome lip, the aide-de-camp pointed in the direction of the battery and said :

"'You see your enemy, my lord.' "Even the Earl of Cardigan, impetuous as he was, generally speaking, looked at his commander in doubt as to the words. But, owing to the unhappy enmity existing between them,

NEITHER WOULD SPEAK HIS THOUGHTS, and once more Nelan, impatiently waving his sword, which he had fiercely drawn from its scabbard, and pointing it to the artillery, cried: 'Take the guns; these are your orders !"

"The crisis has arrived. No recourse is left but to do as he bids. A cold nod of as sent from Lord Lucan. A profound bow frem Lord Cardigan 'Light Division, forward charge !' breaks trem his lips. An schoing cheer is the reply from 607 throats, as with clang of scabbard and rattle of bridle and bit, the braying of the trumpet, and the ringing cheer of the 'Heavies,' the Fourth and Thirteenth Lights, the Eighth and E eventh Hussars, the latter Lord Cirdigan's own corps, conspicuous in their cherry colored trousers, and the Seventeentn Lancers, with ranks closed up and squadrons dressed as evenly as if at a march past, trot forward down the slight declivity. At their head ride the gallant Nolan and the dauntless Cardigan—even at this supreme mement with a reckless laugh upon his face, as he argues some point of war with his brother hussar.

"The unmasked batteries are already be ching forth shot and shell. The trot breaks into a gallop, the gallop into

A FURIOUS, HEADLONG CHARGE.

A'ready Nolan has fallen, cut down by grape shot, the secret of the fatal day dying with him. The serried ranks show frequent gaps as saddle after saddle is emptied. "Close up! Close up! Charge! is the unceasing cry, and in a shorter time than it | times, especially when it has been subjecttakes to tell the opening ranks of the foe ed to a sudden shock; and scientific men disclosed to the doomed, but indomitable | who think that its various convolutions are few, cannon to right of them, cannon to left | the seats of various faculties of the mind of them, cannon in front of them-and now | derive some confirmation of their theory cannon behind them. On through the from the fact that the power of memcry broken Russian line pressed the noble army may fail in part without any failure of inof martyrs, their cr.flamm; their brave telligence, and may fail in part without leader's flashing sabre, their support.

the cherry clad heroes fly over the guns as | curred about a dozen years ago. A lai lightly as they would over a five barred in the country was accused of throwing angate on the hunting field, sabering the gunners as they leap. A beardless buy, not yet | rial before a bench of magistrates. His 17, holds fast to the colors he has sworn to | elder brother who bore a high character in carry to death or victory, and falls with the | the village both for conduct and for mencry, 'My mother will hear of this!' on his | tal shrewdness, had seen the previous strugdying lips, still grasping that banner in his | gle between the lads, and he was called

de amp and a few choice spirits on his right and that the immersion in the pond was an hand and on his left-none ahead of him, accident. Questioned as to what took place riging like a lion, fights, as with a forlorn afterward, he could not speak to a sirgle hope, the leader and commander of the circumstance. "Did the prisoner attempt Light B igade. He bears a charmed life, to rescue the deceased?" the Chairman and his brawny arm is endowed with a asked him. He could not say. "The Power of slaughter that grows mightier | bench unders'and that you leared into the every moment from the meat it feeds on. | water and recovered the body." "They Further and further he dashes on, cleaving | tell me so," he said, "but I have no recollechis way with his blood-stained sword till | tion of it." "The constable has told us he reaches the last of the guns.

but that rank upon rank of cavalry and infantry, with heavy artillery in the rear, know that I was at home in bed at 8 o'clock' stretches out back to the city's utmost bastion, he recognizes how useless it will be further to tempt the fates and fight

ONE AGAINST A THOUSAND. Coolly and calmly, as if in Hyde Park, he otherwise. The shock which he had retakes in the situation at a glance, and gives the word to the trumpeter, to sound first | brother's quarrel had paralyzed his brain; the 'assembly,' then the 'retreat.' A bullet | the memory was interrupted by those few crashes through the boy's hand as he raises | hours, though in all other respects he acted the trumpet to his mouth, but, Stoic-like, he makes no sign. Clear rings out the sum-A dozen only answer the call. Not one, save Lord Cardigan, but is wounded more or less severely, and his clothing shows where lance or sabre or ball had ground behind them.

The enemy, paralyzed by the shock of the in his murderous work to cheer the 108 sur-Bosquet, 'b: t it was not wer."

NEWSPAPER FABLES,

The Editor of a Country Paper one day turned on the Office Towel, which was Hanging on its Accustomed Nail, and began a Tirade of Abuse on its Appearance, terming it Dirty, Unfit, Ill-looking, and fit only to be Flung out of the Win-

"While I am compelled to plead guilty to all Charges," humbly Responded the Towel, "You must Remember that your own Hands have helped to Soil me and make me what

MORAL:

Had the Country Editor wiped his Hands on his exchanges the Towel could have Indulged in no Back talk.

A DOMESTIC ROW.

One morning the Washington Hand-Press in a Printing Office suddenly flew its Frisket and called out in a loud voice: "Hear ye! hear ye! But for me the

Banner could not be issued each week!" "Just hear that !" sneered a Case of Burgeois over by the Window. "Where would be the Paper but for its type ?" 'And they never Printed a Paper yet with out Ink," added the Roller in a Glue and

"Well, I don't want to Appear Egotisti-"Lord Ruglan, who did not know the full | cal," observed a Bundle of White paper lying on the floor, "but if you knew how hard it was for the Editor to raise the Cash to buy me, you'd Imagine I was of some little Account Around here."

"Gentlemen," added the Imposing Stone in marble voice, "I don't claim to own all the corner lots in Town, but if the Chases, Sporting Stick, Mallet. Quons and myself were to go of on a Picnic I'd like to see the Banner go to press-I would!" The Gordon Jobber, Box Stove and

several of the Galleys were getting ready to chip in when the Editer entered and asked the cause of the Row. The matter was explained by the Card Cutter in a Calm and Unbiassed mann'r, and the Elitor repli-"Each and every one of you are valued in

your Respective Places, and all combined go to help issue the Leading Newspaper of this country-c'reulation (when a circus agent comes along) 6,000 copies-Wood Received on Subscrp ion, as Heretofore."

And the Shears lay right there in Plain Sight and were not even mentioned.

THE FARMER AND THE EDITOR.

A Farmer who felt in his Heart that this was a cold World and that no one cared for him or his Mechanically slipped a goose Egg into his coat tail pocket and Betook him-Gazette, where he Produced the Egg and Swore by the Hern Spoon that it was laid | despondent condition at Mazas, and has not ed Editor sent out for a Bed-cord to contained a full and Thrilling Description of | graph. the Egg and the Pullet, and wound up by saying that Farmer Johnson was Honest, Us right, Eat rerising and Progressive, and that he had the Loveliest Family, tie best Farm and the Fattest Live Stock of any Agriculturist in the State. All of which so Tickled the Farm r that he corried a Grin until the Weather Were the Enamel off his front teeth, and he had no Trouble in Marrying of his Daughters, Selling off his Old Hay, and getting Elected as Super-

MORAL:

If you can't get hold of a Goose Egg, a Pumpkin, Squash or a Peck of Turnips will Answer just as well.

Six Hours Without a Memory.

The brain plays odd tricks with us a being altogether impaired. A notable in-"With a wild cheer and a wilder leap, stance of this last mentioned peculiarity ocother into a pond, and he was put on his to give evidence. He dec'ared his belief Far away, clear in front, with his aide | that the fight was perfectly fair throughout, that you dived twice, brought out the body, "Here, when he sees the end is not yet, and carried it to the parents' house." "I have not the slightest remembrance. I or ly -six hours later-"and the last thing I could remember was seeing poor Smith fall ever the edge." There could be no doubt that the witness was speaking the truth; and he could have had no object in doing ceived on seeing the fatal result of his like a man in the full possession of his senses .- Boston Traveller.

Age Cannot Wither. Lord Lindsay states that in the course of ploughed their way over his unscathed his wanderings amid the pyramids of Right about the little band turns, Egypt he stumbled on a mummy which leaving the boy trumpeter dead on the proved by its hieroglyphics to be at least 2,000 years old. In examining it after it was unwrapped he found in one of its closed charge, and fancying that the whole British | hands a tuberous or bulbous root. He was army supports the handful of braves, pauses | interested in the questior how long vegetable life could last, and took the root from vivors who returned slowly and sadly to the | the mummy's hand and planted it in a sunplace from which they came, having, from a ny soil, sliowing the rains and dews of a ball dress, and anybody who has noticed military standpoint, achieved nothing, get Heaven to descend upon it, and in the covered with a deathless, fadeless wreath of course of a few weeks the root bust forth glory. 'It was magnificent,' said General and bloomed into a most beautiful dahlia, The story is said to be well verified.

An Extraordinary French Murder Case.

Paris is at present stirred to its depths by the revelations made respecting the career of Pel, the poisoner of Montreuil. Pel is now at Mazas, on a charge of baving made away with his servant, a woman named Marie Boehmer. He is also charged with having poisoned his first wife. M Kuehn, the chief of the investigation department, is buti'y engaged at Montrevil in following up any clues which may bring the murder of the servant home to the accused. Two boxes which belonged to the misting woman were found to contain a napkin, which bore the imprint of a bloodstained knife. A large dioner knife has come to light, supposed to be the instrament with which Pel cut the flesh off the bones of his victim before burning it by some of the chemical processes in which he i an adept. It is thought that the victim's remains were placed in the closet, as Pel had been observed to make frequent visits there on three successive days in July last. This is somewhat borne out by the fact that when the cess-pools were drained to day portions of human intestines were found.

Pel is a clockmaker by trade, and was married in 1880 to a young woman named Biffereau, employed in a shop near the Champs Elyssees. Two months after the marriage Pel's wife died in intense agony. She was hastily buried in the Montmartre Cometery, but her remains are about to be exhumed by order of the Procureur of the Republic.

A year afterward Pel married a Mile, de Murat, who is still alive. Pel deried that he had been married to his first wife, but M. Kuehn confronted him with his brotherin-law, and he then admitted the marriage. M Kuehn has made a minute examination with a microscop of Pel's house at Montreu l, and in the interstices of the floor has found living organ sms such as exist only in putrefying blood. When Pel arrived in M ntreu: I from Nanterre, where he ran away from his second wife and his creditors in July last, he was accompanied by the servant Marie Boehmer, who, it is said, was formerly a lay sister in a convent and afterward a milkseller in the Rue St Denis She entrusted a large share or her savings to the care of Pel, and about three month a ago suddenly disappeared.

Pel, in answer to various inquiries, said he had sent her to the hospital. The neighbors, however, assert that one night, about the time of Boehmer's disappearance, a great fire was visible in Pel's house, and that the air around was infected by an offensive odor. In an adjacent sewer some human hair has lately been discovered, and it is in this direction, as well as in the closet, that Kuehn made his principal investigations today. Pel will probably be brought face to face with his second wife to-morrow.

It is not long since the mother of the al self to the village and the office of the leged poisoner was killed by an electric battery made by her son. Pel is in a very by a pullet. The Astonished and Delight- partaken of much food during the past two days. A mottom or associate has been Measure the Length and Diameter of the placed with him as it was feared that he Egg presented the Farmer with a Year's | was about to commit suicide; and possibly Subscription, and took Voluminous Notes | the accused clockmaker may make some with a Pencil. The next issue of Gazette s'a ement to this person. -[London Tele-

Effect of Paper and Ink on Eyesight.

The colors of paper and ink, says a writer in the Scientific Monthly, are for mer; rosponsible for defective eyesight than crosslights from opposite windows, light shining directly in the face, insufficient light, or small type. If these were removed the principal cause of the mischief would still remain, the real root of the evil being the universally used black ink and white paper. These, says the writer in question, are ruining the eyesight of the reading nat ons. He prgues that the rays of the sun are reflected by a white body, and absorbed by a black one, and that we print our newspapers and books in direct opposition to the plainest correct principles of optical science. A book or newspaper as now printed being read by us, the eyes do not see the letters, which, being black, are non-reflective the outlines of the impressions of the type reach the retina, but they are not received by the spontaneous, direct action of that organ. The white surface of the p per is reflected, but the letters are detected only by a descriminative effort of the optic nerves. This constant labor irritates the nerves, and, when long continued, exhausts their suscep'ibility. As proofs, the writer cites the wellknown fact that the human eye cannot long sustain the glare of a white surface without injury. The sunlight reflected from fields of snow; unrelieved by the colors of other objec's, or from the white sands of the desert, is, the world over, productive of ophthalmia.

In accordance with this argument; if colcrad paper were substituted for white the eyes of all reading people would at once be relieved of a blinding strain—a continuous effort bound to result in permanent weakening of the eyes. Nature and science, says the writer above quoted, tell us that the color of all printing paper should be green. Green grass covers the ground green leaves are on the trees and green is the color most grateful to the eye.

Green newspapers would be a novelty, but in time we should grow accustemed to tint: green school books would please the children: but green grounds would sadly mar the high art engravings for which a num ber of American magazines have become noted. And, if our scientific friend is correct in his conclusions, green paper would sadly cripple the trade in eye-glasses and spectacles.

Dispensing with Bridesmaids

There has been a great deal of ta'k lately among the fashionables as to whether it is the correct thing for a bride to be attended to the altar by a string of fair bridesmaids, and also if the uncompromising back coat of the usher should be longer permitted to obstruct the view. There certainly has been a tendency displayed in recent marriages in Philadelphia to dispense with bridesmaids, and several reasons have been given by the brides. A pertinent one is that it is such an expense to a girl to find a handsome dress, which, as a rule, can only be worn on one occasion-at the wedding. A bridesmaid's frock is seldom of any use as the picturesque group of maidens who follow after the ushers would hardly care to see young ladies attired in that fashion on the streets,-[Philadelphia Press-

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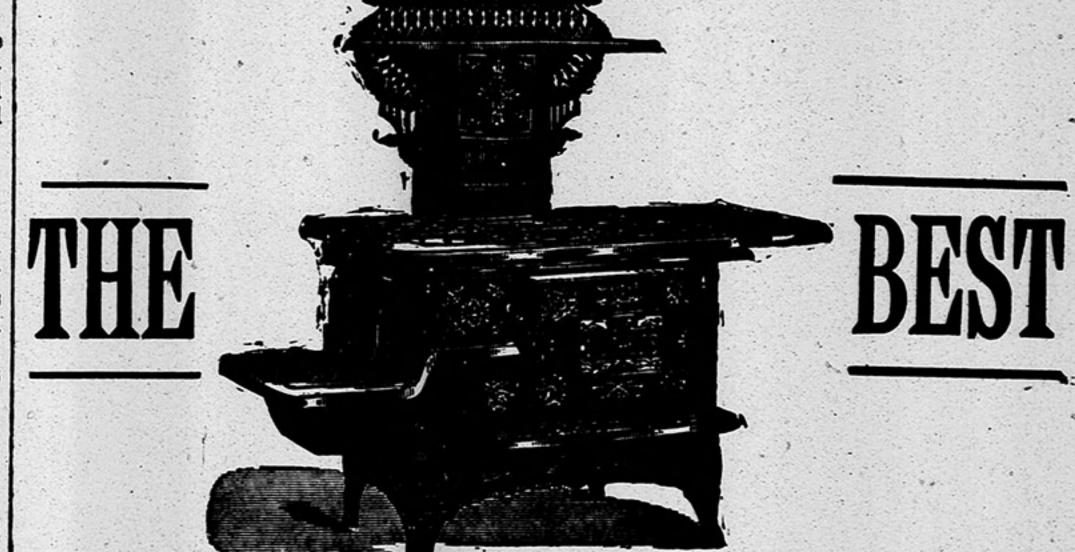
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